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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: UN, PORG, PFOR  
SUBJECT: EMBASSY VIEWS REGARDING CREATION OF POSITION  
OF UN DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL

REF: USUN 1604

1. THE EMBASSY HAS REVIEWED THE WHOLE SUBJECT OF FRENCH DEMANDS REGARDING THE UN SECRETARIAT'S SENIOR ECONOMIC POSITION WITH THE DRAFTING OFFICER OF REFERENCE TELEGRAM, AND REACHED AGREEMENT ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

(A) THE USG SHOULD TELL THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT THAT OUR FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVE IS TO SEEK A RESTRUCTURING OF THE WHOLE RANGE OF UN -- AND ASSOCIATED ORGANS -- ACTIVITIES IN THE ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT FIELD, SO AS TO MAXIMIZE COORDINATION, COHESION AND CONTROL; WE ARE STILL OPEN-MINDED REGARDING MODALITIES. GOF SHOULD UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THIS NEED, SHOULD FORMULATE ITS OWN RECOMMENDATIONS TOWARD THIS OBJECTIVE, SHOULD DISCUSS THEM WITH US AND COORDINATE ITS CAMPAIGN FOR THEIR ATTAINMENT WITH OUR MISSION IN NEW YORK.

(B) GOF SHOULD COME UP WITH A TRULY OUTSTANDING  
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CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS. IF HE SATISFIES OUR RIGID CRITERIA, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT HIM.  
(C) OUR WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE IN PREVENTING THIS FRENCH CANDIDATE FROM BEING UNDERCUT DURING THE RESTRUCTURING PROCESS WILL DEPEND ON WHETHER WE CAN WORK OUT WITH GOF A MUTUALLY-AGREEABLE POSITION

REGARDING OUR FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVE ON RESTRUCTURING  
AS PER A ABOVE.

2. EMBASSY COMMENDS THE FOREGOING PLAN OF ACTION TO  
THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

(A) IT IS NOT IN US INTEREST TO POSITION ITSELF  
EITHER ON SIDE OF FRANCE AGAINST THE GROUP OF 77,  
OR ON SIDE OF G-77 AGAINST THE FRENCH. FRANCE HAS  
AS MANY, IF NOT MORE FRIENDS IN G-77 AS WE DO, AND  
COULD PROBABLY BEAT US AT THAT GAME.

(B) FRANCE IS GOING RIGHT DOWN THE LINE WITH US ON  
SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN  
INCENTIVES FOR THEM TO DO SO.

(C) FRANCE CONTINUES TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT CLOUT WITH  
NOT INSIGNIFICANT BLOCK OF AFRICAN VOTES WHICH ARE  
OFTEN USEFUL TO US ON SUCH QUESTIONS AS KOREA OR  
DISARMAMENT. WE MAY NEED THESE VOTES IN THE FUTURE  
ON STRUCTURAL ISSUES AS WELL, ESPECIALLY WHERE  
JOBS TRADITIONALLY HELD BY AMERICANS ARE CONCERNED.

3. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS AND INSTRUCTIONS.  
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